REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	22 September 2000
Name of applicant/court:	The District Court at Auckland
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	Drummer Hardcore
Other Known Titles:	Drummer Hardcore Volume One Drummer Hardcore Fiction Vol 1 Drummer Hardcore Fiction Volume 1
Director:	Not Applicable
Producer:	Not Applicable
Publisher:	Martijn Bakker, Desmodus, Inc
Editor:	Wickie Stamps
Format:	Magazine
Country of Origin:	USA
Language:	English

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Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature:	Running time:
Trailers:	Running time:
	Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The magazine entitled *Drummer Hardcore* is classified as:
Objectionable.

Drummer Hardcore is a 56 page magazine published in July 1996 in the United States. The magazine, subtitled "Jerkoff fiction for men", mainly contains stories explicitly describing sexual activity between males intended for reader sexual stimulation. The fiction details bondage and discipline, humiliation and sadomasochistic activities, and is mainly narrated in the first-person by the submissive or dominated character in the scenario. The stories are supported by drawings and photographs depicting naked, sexualised men and explicitly depicting sexual activity between men. Other content includes advertisements for events and for sexual products and services, book reviews and personal contact advertisements. The target audience is adult, homosexual males, however the magazine may appeal to other men and women involved in similar styles of sexual activity.

The magazine is deemed objectionable because it tends to promote and support the use of violence and coercion to compel a persons to submit to sexual conduct, and it promotes and supports the use of urine in association with sexual conduct that is sometimes also degrading and dehumanising in nature. In two stories intended for reader sexual stimulation, men are rendered incapable of resistance and subjected to sexual conduct by violence or coercion by others.

The narrators in each case are initially terrified or bewildered and miserable about their situations, however by the conclusion they are grateful to have been treated in such a manner. In four stories explicit details of the use of urine are given, whether related as fantasies or accounts of actual events for reader sexual stimulation. In these contexts, the use of urine in association with sexual conduct is presented as a pleasurable or desirable experience, even if this is not initially the case for the narrator.

The relevant provisions of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 (NZBR Act) have been taken into account in determining this classification. As the publication falls under s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993, it is deemed objectionable. A classification of "objectionable" places a limit on the right to freedom of expression set out in s14 of the NZBR Act. However, in relation to this publication, the classification is considered to be a reasonable limit prescribed by law.

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